Air link between Mysore and Coimbatore

2480. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to operate a flight between Mysore City and Coimbatore;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to link Mysore City with some other cities in the South?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Memorandum from workers of B and C Mills, Madras to reopen the Mill

2481. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governmen. have received any memorandum from the workers of B & C Mills, Madras urging Government to reopen the mill, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) what is Governmen.'s reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) A number of representations have been received from the Union representing the workers of B & C Mills and other trade unions urging the re-opening of the Mills. These representations have raised various issues such a demands of the workmen, release of funds for the working of the mills, take over|nationalisation of the Mills etc.

(b) A group of Officers, (which has been) constituted to look into the problems of closed mills in the country, has been requested to explore the possibilities of re-opening of B & C Mills, Madras.

Punjab and Sind Bank

2482. SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the former Chairman of Punjab and Sind Bank, Shri Inderjit Singh had unauthorisedly given loans to the tune of about Rs. 20 crores;

(b) if so, what action has been taken in this regard;

(c) whether any steps have been taken to recover the amount; and

(d) if not, whether the amount has been shown as bad debt?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) to (d) According to the Reserve Bank of India the Ex-Chairman of Punjab and Sind Bank had, in a number of cases granted credit facilities in excess of his discretionary powers. There were also procedural irregularities in granting of credit facilities. The Board of Directors of Punjab and Sind Bank has been keeping a close watch over these advances which are being reviewed from time to time. In some cases, the accounts have been adjusted whereby sizeable amount has been received back.